

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The following telegrams are from Australian papers received by the steamer *Typhoon*—

CENSURE OF MR. BAYARD.

The United States House of Representatives has passed a vote of censure on Mr. Bayard, the American Ambassador in England, for certain expressions published by him in that country. The resolution was passed by a vote of 150 to 100. It is expected the resolution will be of effect, as President Cleveland will probably ignore it, and Mr. Bayard will not resign.

DECEASED BY THE SISTER.

The Legislature of the Island of Jersey has passed the bill legalising marriage with a deceased wife's sister.

H.M.S. "DIDO."

H.M.S. cruiser, *Dido*, which was on the way to Gouan when last launched, has now been hoisted.

COLONIAL SOLICITORS.

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has promised Sir Saul Samuel, Agent-General for New South Wales, that he will introduce a bill to provide for the reciprocal admission of solicitors in the colonies and England.

A MAN-OF-WAR BURNED.

The Venezuelan man-of-war *Ayacucho* has been burned at Maracaibo, an island in the Caribbean Sea, off the coast of Venezuela, and eight of the crew lost their lives.

RECOGNITION OF THE CUBAN INSURGENTS.

The Legislature of the Republic of Venezuela has refused to recognize the insurgent rights of the insurgents in Cuba, pending definite action in the matter, on the part of the United States Government.

MR. WALLER RELEASED.

Mr. Waller, an American ex-consular agent, who was arrested by the French in Madagascar, and whose imprisonment has been the subject of strong representations to France, has now been released.

The French Government intimated recently that they would consent to the release of Mr. Waller, but would not agree to the payment of any indemnity to him.

MONTICARLO.

The concessions for the gambling rooms at Monte Carlo have been renewed by the Monaco Government for fifty years at an annual payment of £20,000.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of George Fitzhugh, H.A. aged 57 years, and the Vice-Chancellor of the Admiralty, and the Vice-Chancellor of the Admiralty.

The death is announced of Mr. William Judge, a well-known oculist.

The death is also announced of Isabel, Lady Burton, widow of Sir Richard Burton, the eminent African traveller and Orientalist.

The death is announced of Miss Chase, who was the pioneer of female emigration.

NIGHT IN RUSSIA.

Sir Russian officials have been arrested at Kiof on a charge of being associated with the nihilist movement.

BISMARCK'S JUBILEE.

In the Reichstag, the celebration of the jubilee of Prince Bismarck's entrance into political life was made the occasion of an eulogistic speech by the Chancellor, Prince Bismarck, who declared that all parties in the Empire venerated the memory of the great statesman.

THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENCY.

It is stated that Mr. McKinley's candidature for the Presidency of the United States is growing in favour.

THE VENEZUELA INDEMNITY.

It is reported that Venezuela will pay an indemnity of £10,000 to the British Government for the attack on the steamer *Yumbilla*, which is a reduction on the amount at first demanded.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

England and the United States will negotiate on the Venezuela boundary dispute. An excellent spirit now prevails, and it is expected that the problem will be settled by a compromise between the old Schomburgk line and the *Essequibo* boundary line, which was claimed by Venezuela.

Lord Salisbury states that negotiations are still proceeding with the United States Government for the formation of a boundary line.

With regard to the proposed boundary line between Great Britain and the United States, he announced that Lord Salisbury had submitted proposals to the United States Government on the subject.

SEVERE RUGBY PROTEST.

Herbert Light, in his latest circular, states that the production of beef sugar during the current campaign shows a decrease of 575,000 tons, as compared with the previous corresponding period, but his estimate for the whole campaign remains unaltered.

ATTEMPT TO LANE A RACEHORSE.

An attempt has been made to lane the racehorse *Kory O'More*, who is now first favourite for the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase, by placing a quantity of broken glass on the training track. The attempt was, however, frustrated, and the horse was prevented from being done to the bone.

PRINCE HENRY OF ORLEANS.

In an interview with President Faure, Prince Henry of Orleans, the eldest son of the late King of France, gave the assurance that he was the devoted servant of the Republic.

A THEATRE BURNED.

The Curvante Theatre at Bonaire, in the Panama River, South America, has been destroyed by fire.

A COLONIAL NAVY.

Speaking at Auckland, 24th March, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the colony must expect its indebtedness in the future to be largely increased, as it would have to provide a fleet for the protection of the colony, as they could not always look to the old country to protect them.

The Colonial Treasurer, with reference to the statement which he made the other day respecting the navy, that it was not intended to have a navy, said that he was not intended to say that the colonies before fifty years was over, which was a short period in the history of nations, would doubtless be required to contribute many millions of money for the purpose of assisting the mother country in the defence of the Empire.

THE COLONIES AND THE JAPANESE TREATY.

A largely attended meeting of the Australian Naval Association was held last night, when the Hon. J. L. Parsons, who recently visited Japan in the interests of the trade of South Australia, delivered a lecture on "Japan." In concluding the lecture, he complained of what he called the cavalier anti-contingent manner in which the Japanese Conference practically without discussion refused to adopt the Japanese treaty.

HURRICANE IN FIJI.

Messrs. Huddart, Parker and Co's steamer *Warrimoo*, which has just arrived at Vancouver, carried 270 very serious damage having been done in the islands of Vanua-Lava and Viti-Lava.

IMPERIALISM IN CANADA.

The Canadian House of Commons is now discussing a resolution proposed by Mr. A. McNeil in favour of taxing foreign products of Imperial origin.

The resolution introduced by Mr. A. McNeil, in favour of taxing foreign products imported

into Canada in order to provide a fund for the purpose of Imperial origin, was discussed in the Canadian House of Commons, and has received the support of Sir Charles H. Tupper, Minister for Justice in the Dominion Cabinet.

HOME RULE AT BORDO.

The Radical members of the House of Commons have held a conference to discuss the advisability of adding Home Rule to the various component parts of the United Kingdom to the political platform of the Radical party, but it was eventually decided that time was at present inopportune for such action. The Irish members, in consequence of this decision, have threatened a rupture with the Radicals.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE WATERWORKS.

The House of Commons, by a large majority, has rejected the London County Council Bill, authorising the council to acquire the property of the eight metropolitan companies which supply London with water.

FRENCH WEST INDIAN CABLE.

The French Senate has sanctioned the laying of a telegraphic cable from America to French territory in the West Indies.

PUGILISM.

Charles Mitchell, the English pugilist, has issued a challenge to fight Jean Corbett, the American champion pugilist, in the Bohemian Club, London, for a purse of 12,000 dollars offered by the club.

THE CHALLENGE OF CHARLES MITCHELL.

The challenge of Charles Mitchell, the English champion, to Jean Corbett, the American pugilist, to fight at the Bohemian Club, London, for a purse of 12,000 dollars, has been declined by Corbett.

COLONIAL PARLIAMENTSARY PARTY.

Sir John Gorst has resigned the leadership of the Colonial party in the House of Commons, and has been succeeded by Mr. Chamberlain.

RAISING IN ALGERIA.

A prolonged drought has occurred in Algeria, with the result that the crops have been destroyed, and the famine is now being experienced in that country.

DR. JAMISON'S RAID.

In connection with Dr. Jamison's recent raid into the Transvaal, evidence has been adduced which shows that the despatches sent by Sir Hercules Robinson ordering the recall of Dr. Jamison were opened by the Boers. The bearer of the despatches was detained by the Boers, and the despatches were destroyed.

DR. NANSSEN'S EXPEDITION.

A number of Russian expeditions are being sent to the Arctic regions, in the event of his not returning during the coming autumn.

IMPERIAL PENNY POST.

The Associated Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, at a meeting held to-day, made a recommendation in favour of the establishment of an Imperial penny post.

Lord Norfolk, the Postmaster-General, in addressing the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce on the subject of the proposed Imperial penny post, said it was an important matter, and he was glad to see that the Chambers of Commerce were so anxious to see it established.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Princess*, from Shanghai 18th April, and *Amoy* 18th, but fine and heavy weather at sea.

The British steamer *Typhoon*, from Melbourne via Port 18th March, experienced fine weather throughout passage.

The British steamer *Foehuen*, from Shanghai 15th April, had light variable winds and thick foggy weather throughout passage.

The British steamer *Chienan*, from Shanghai 14th April, and *Savonar* 17th, had moderate to strong N.E. and E. winds, dull and overcast weather.

The British steamer *Belgia*, from San Francisco via Honolulu 21st March, had moderate to light N.E. winds and cloudy weather throughout.

The British steamer *Donauwagser*, from Kobe via Shanghai 12th April, to Cape Paduan, had light S. and S.E. winds and clear weather. From Cape Paduan to port had moderate S.E. winds and fine but hazy weather.

The British steamer *Chienan*, from Shanghai 14th April, had light S.W. winds, but clear weather. From Shanghai to port had light S.E. winds and fine weather. From Singapore had light S.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Terbo*, from Shanghai 15th April, had moderate to fresh winds and light winds and passing banks of fog becoming more dense near port.

ARRIVED.

Per *Erato*, steamer, from Singapore, 23rd Chinese.

Per *Delavie*, str., from Koh-si-shang, 16th Chinese.

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